



# Leadership Link

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 21

Board of Directors  
11:30 a.m.

### January 10

Breakfast meeting  
7:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Choice Credit Union  
25<sup>th</sup> & N Streets  
Lt. Governor  
Rick Sheehy

### January 19

Board of Directors  
11:30 a.m.

Leadership Link  
Chapter #517  
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### 2005 Trees of Love Campaign a Success!

By Martha Hakenkamp



All of the Trees of Love wishes were granted this year! At the end of the campaign there were no more ornaments on the trees, just lots and lots of presents UNDER the tree waiting to be delivered to residents at local nursing homes and assisted care facilities.

My thanks to Leadership Link for adopting this campaign. I took two carloads of presents to Lancaster Manor just from Leadership Link members. It has been absolutely wonderful

and I know that our participation helped to make this year's Trees of Love campaign a success!

Thank you to everyone who took this project to heart and helped to ensure that every Lancaster Manor resident had a gift to open during the Holidays this year.

***Leadership Link sends a big THANK YOU to Martha for spearheading the 2005 Trees of Love Campaign this year and for picking up and delivering the presents.***

### December Monthly Meeting Speaker Kate Witek



Nebraska State Auditor Kate Witek was the speaker for the December luncheon at the UNL- Champions Club. Kate discussed the use of regular performance audits as a way to monitor and establish accountability standards in government operations. Witek indicated that this type of program analysis, where actual performance is compared to established performance targets, is common in other states and in the federal government. She stated that with the unsustainable program costs occurring across the board in government the time had come to reexamine existing programs, policies and government activities to determine which were truly needed. Witek reminded the group that programmatic and financial adjustments made on the federal level will impact the State of Nebraska and that we will need to reexamine and adjust as well.

**LEADERSHIP LINK  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
Meetings are held the  
third Thursday of the  
month

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING**

On January 10, 2006, at 7:30 a.m., Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy will be the guest speaker at the monthly Leadership Link meeting. The meeting will be held at 1st Choice Credit Union at 2500 "N" Street. Breakfast will be Catered by Chef Nadar of Billy's Restaurant. The cost is \$9.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. ***(Please park to the north in the Oasian parking lot.)***

Lt. Governor Sheehy was appointed by Nebraska's 39<sup>th</sup> Governor, Dave Heineman, and sworn into office on January 24, 2005. He is a native of Hastings and graduated from St. Cecilia High School. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and later received certification as a paramedic from Central Community College. Sheehy worked for Rural/Metro Ambulance for more than 20 years, starting in 1982, as an emergency medical technician. He became Rural/ Metro's paramedic field supervisor two years later, and the market general manager in 1987, a position held until his appointment as Lt. Governor. Sheehy was twice elected Mayor of Hastings beginning in 2000. Before becoming Mayor, Sheehy served six years on the Hastings City Council. He is a former chair of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce. His public service also includes services as a board member of the Nebraska Rural Health Association, Hastings YMCA, and the Local Housing Authority Board, as well as a past member of the National League of Cities Public Safety Crime Prevention Committee, and a member of the FEMA Disaster Response Team.

Lt. Governor Sheehy brings to the table a wealth of experience in public and private sector partnerships and has seen some with great success and others that have not achieved their goals. Sheehy will discuss those partnerships and their outcomes and importance to government.

For reservations, contact Robyn Cruse-Miller at 441-5941 or e-mail her at [rcruse@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rcruse@lincoln.ne.gov).

## **SEE YOU ALL THERE**

***"Great minds have purposes, others have wishes" Washington Irving***

## **NEBRASKALAND COUNCIL**

On December 7, 2005, the Nebraskaland Council held its quarterly meeting at the Old Country Buffet in Omaha. During the meeting there was a discussion on the Council sponsoring a study group for the Certified Manager's Program again this year. During the last year, there was conversation with Southeast Community College (SCC) of their interest in providing the Certified Manager as a class in the future. I was decided that Bruce Hunzeker, Jan Lehmkuhl, (Nebraska State Government Chapter), and Colleen Floth (Leadership Link) will be meeting with a representative from SECC concerning the Certified Manager's Program. (However, if there are members who are interested in taking the test without the study group there is that option. To learn more you may contact Colleen or visit NMA's website.)

There was discussion on the Mini Leadership Development Conference (LDC) that will be held on June 21, 2006, at Tabitha. Each Chapter will submit an item for a silent auction and it was suggested that the Council get local business to give items for the auction. The LDC is a one day conference designed to help members who want to get more involved with their chapters by serving or chairing committees and becoming officers. If you are interested in serving or chairing a committee for next year, please contact President Elect Donna Barrett at 44-6157 to let her know of your interest.

Jan Lehmkuhl is a member of the Nebraska State Government Chapter (NSGC) and is a very active member in her Chapter. She has served on various committees, chaired some and also has served as an officer a couple of times including president. She was also named as a delegate to served on the Council representing her chapter. Jan has been highly involved with the Speech contest that is sponsored each year by NSGC. Along with these duties, she was also the National Director representing the five Chapters that make up the Nebraskaland Council. As a National Director, she must attend the quarterly Board meetings held in Dayton, Ohio, attend the Regional Conference, and the National Conference. Also, she must serve on committees on the national level which Jan has done. Jan submitted her resignation as National Director effective December 31, 2005. Our Council and the Chapters are losing a valuable spokesperson for the smaller chapters with her resignation. In appreciation for her many years of service, the Nebraskaland Council presented Jan with a gift certificate in the amount of \$75.00 for her to spend at her favorite store. Jan, we wish you well and you will be greatly missed as our National Director.

The Council's Past President, Elton Edmond presented the Council President's Service Award to Colleen Floth.

The next council meeting will be held in Omaha on March 16, 2006.

## **HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

Every year we are reminded of the possible fires that are caused by Christmas trees and the safety tips on keeping our trees with lots of water and the tips on avoiding fires. How many of you knew that New Year's celebration caused many home fires also?

According to statistics in 2001 and 2002 New Year's holiday, in comparing characteristics with an average fire pattern during comparable winter days there were 6,400 fires in the United States during the average New Year's holiday, and claimed 30 lives, caused 39 injuries, and \$52 million in property damage. Approximately 34% of these fires occurred in residential property.

These fires peaked between midnight and 1:00 a.m., largely due to a spike in outdoor fires which were caused by fireworks.

Fires caused by children playing increase during the holiday season, and candle fires increase fourfold during the holiday season.

## **HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON**

### **N.M.A. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

- **NMA is dedicated to managerial excellence, personal and professional growth, and leadership development. The following principles identify NMA's core beliefs and provide the basis for the Association's Mission Statement:**
- **We believe in the highest standards of personal and organizational integrity and respect for the individual.**
- **We believe in lifelong learning, continuous improvement, and the development of a workforce capable of sustaining a competitive posture in the global economy.**
- **We believe management is a creative, dynamic, and essential process enabling people to achieve personal and organizational objectives.**
- **We believe that managerial responsibility is shared among all individuals at all levels of the organization and that leadership is critical to management success.**
- **We believe that individuals and organizations have a community and civic responsibility.**

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

- **I will recognize that all individuals inherently desire to practice their occupations to the best of their ability.**
- **I will assume that all individuals want to do their best.**
- **I will maintain a broad and balanced outlook and will recognize value in the ideas and opinions of others.**
- **I will be guided in all my activities by truth, accuracy, fair dealing and good taste.**
- **I will keep informed on the latest developments in techniques, equipment, and processes.**
- **I will recommend or initiate methods to increase productivity and efficiency.**
- **I will support efforts to strengthen the management professional through training and education.**
- **I will help my associates reach personal and professional fulfillment.**
- **I will earn and carefully guard my reputation for good moral character and good citizenship.**
- **I will promote the principles of our American Enterprise System to others, by highlighting its accomplishments and displaying confidence in its future.**